

May 22, 2009

The Glastonbury Town Council  
2155 Main Street  
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Re: Town Manager's Report

Dear Council Members:

The following will keep you up-to-date on various topics:

1. **Earle Park Bridge:**

A question was asked at the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the new bridge to be installed at Earle Park. The bridge crosses Holland Brook. The existing footbridge constructed in the 1980's has failed and is proposed for replacement with a new pre-engineered structure made of fiberglass, pressure treated wood and concrete abutments. The original bridge was approximately 37 feet long and 11 feet wide. The new bridge will be approximately 50 feet long and 8 feet wide. Permits are required from the local Inlands Wetland Agency, DEP, Army Corps and Town Plan & Zoning Commission (Flood Zone Permit). The permit process is underway with construction subject to action by the various federal, state and local agencies. On Tuesday evening I will have pictures showing the general bridge construction.

2. **Multi-Use Path:**

The attached summarizes the multi-use path now the subject of pending permit action. The Conservation Commission has approved the Inland Wetlands Permit. Additional approvals are required from the Army Corps and Connecticut DEP. The project budget is estimated at \$1.2 million. Available Town and grant funding totals \$800,000.

3. **Town Wide Tag Sale:**

The annual town wide tag sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Academy building from 8AM to 2PM.

4. **Bus Shelters:**

A Capitol Regional Council of Governments (CRCOG) representative was not available to attend the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. This discussion is tentative for June 9<sup>th</sup>. This involves the CRCOG bus shelter program.

5. **Winter Hill Farm:**

For short-term maintenance, the Town will seek proposals for agricultural use. Most specifically this will involve harvesting hay this June and July.

I will be happy to review the preceding and any other items Tuesday evening.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Johnson  
Town Manager

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